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Plague reported in Constantinople.

[Clipping from the Berlin Lokal-Anzeiger, July 8, 1901.]

BERLIN, GERMANY, *July 8, 1901.*

The terrible disease is spreading in Constantinople. The situation is regarded by the supreme sanitary council as very serious, and they are taking energetic steps to prevent a further spreading of the plague. On July 8 a Persian died of the plague at Stambul. Besides those cases hitherto reported to the authorities, the sanitary council has learned of 2 further cases in which persons have been buried without a physician having seen the corpse. It is thought that a great spread of the plague is taking place, and that many plague cases and deaths never come to the knowledge of the sanitary council. In consequence of this a thorough search is being made in all the houses at Galata in the neighborhood of the docks, where an introduction of the plague is possible by means of rats from the Egyptian ships. In future, no corpse is to be buried without first being examined by a medical official.

*Neighboring places quarantine against Constantinople.*BERLIN, GERMANY, *July 10, 1901.*

SIR: I have the honor to submit the following copy and translation of an item in the Lokal-Anzeiger, of Berlin, of yesterday's date, with regard to the measures being taken in Constantinople against the plague:

"Measures against the plague in Constantinople.

"As we have already stated in our evening edition of yesterday, the plague continues to spread in Constantinople, so that all possible preventive measures must be resorted to in the city in order to control this terrible disease. The countries bordering on Turkey have sharply renewed all those regulations which we have repeatedly published to prevent the introduction of the plague, so that it is to be hoped that the disease may be restricted to its present area.

"*Vienna, July 8.*—Bulgaria and Roumania are treating arrivals from Constantinople with the greatest severity. The Orient express trains are stopped a long way from the frontier in both countries. In Bulgaria the Nisch Sofia-Philippopolis express train is stopped at Harmanli (quarantine station Hebischewo). In Roumania the Orient express, which runs via Bukarest to Rustschuk and Varna, is even stopped at Bukarest. Travelers by both trains must finish their journeys in local trains, and on the return journey submit themselves to eleven days' quarantine. In Sulina all arrivals from Constantinople must undergo four days' quarantine. Constantia and Mangalia are altogether closed for all ships except those of the maritime authorities of Roumania, and these latter must remain twenty-four hours under observation. In Petersburg, where there is a permanent commission for the prevention and combating of epidemic diseases, they have declared Constantinople to be infected with plague, and treat all arrivals from that place accordingly. The frontier road from Sye is closed. In Bulgaria travelers are not allowed to go to Servia and back without submitting to quarantine."

Respectfully,

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